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of the highest chief of the Soviet Military Administration --
of the commander in chief of the Soviet Occupation Forces
in Germany

3 June 1947

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Subject: Prohibition of Activity of Detective Bureaus and Agencies
in the Soviet Occupation Zone

In consideration of the fact that the activity of the German detec-
tive agencies and bureaus which carry on through their agents
secret observations, controls, or collection of information of
every sort upon commission for other persons, enterprises or
organizations is contrary to the principles of democratic adjust-
ment of the public, economic, and personal life of the German people,

I order:

1. All German detective agencies and bureaus existing in the Soviet Occupation Zone of Germany to be completely liquidated by 15 June 1947.
2. The formation of new detective agencies, bureaus, firms, or other similar organizations, as well as any detective activity of individual persons, to be forbidden.
3. Persons who transgress against this order are considered criminally responsible, with liability to punishment up to three years of imprisonment or 5000 marks.
4. The execution of this order is transferred to the heads of the German Administration for Internal Affairs and to the Ministers of the Interior of the governments of the provinces and Lands.

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Supervision of the fulfillment of the order devolves upon the head of the Department for Internal Affairs of the SMA in Germany.

A report on the liquidation of German detective agencies and bureaus is to be furnished me on 20 June 1947.

The Highest Chief of SMA -- Commander in Chief of the
Soviet Occupation Forces in Germany,
Marshal of the USSR,
V. Sokolovski

The Chief of Staff of the SMA in Germany,

Lieutenant General G. Lukyanchenko

For the correctness of the translation: Signed: Brandt

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Until the time of this order, Russian agencies engaged in collecting intelligence concerning individuals in the Russian Zone of Germany depended heavily upon private German agencies for much of their material.

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